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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-22 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 12 are amended. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the July 9, 2008 telephone conference. The points discussed are incorporated herein.

The Final Office Action dated May 10, 2007 rejected claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kendt, U.S. Patent No. 3,386,454, in view of Rak, U.S. Patent No. 5,239,285, and Golladay et al. (hereinafter "Golladay"), U.S. Patent No. 4,804,944, and rejected claims 12-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rak in view of Golladay. Independent claims 1 and 12 have been amended as discussed with the Examiner in the July 9, 2008 telephone conference. As agreed in the telephone conference, these claims so amended define over the applied prior art. Accordingly, the rejection of independent claim 1 over Kendt, Rak, and Golladay and the rejection of independent claim 12 over Rak and Golladay should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 2-11 and 13-22 are allowable over the applied prior art in view of their respective dependency on independent claims 1 and 12, as well as for their added features.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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